
PRELIMINARY DRAFT

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Citations Affected: IC 16-28-11.

Synopsis: Health facility sprinklers for fire safety. Requires certain health facilities to have automatic fire sprinkler systems before July 1, 2012. Provides that if a system is not installed before July 1, 2010, a plan for completion must be submitted to the health facilities council. Requires the state department of health to publish the types of automatic fire sprinkler systems and smoke detectors in a nursing home in the department's consumer guide to nursing homes.

Effective: July 1, 2007.



A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-28-11-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2007]: **Sec. 5. (a) A health facility licensed under this article as a
4 comprehensive care facility must do the following:**

5 **(1) Have an automatic fire sprinkler system throughout the
6 facility before July 1, 2012.**

7 **(2) If an automatic fire sprinkler system is not installed
8 throughout the health facility before July 1, 2010, submit
9 before July 1, 2010, a plan to the state department for
10 completing installation of the automatic fire sprinkler system
11 before July 1, 2012.**

12 **(b) The state department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
13 implement this section.**

14 SECTION 2. IC 16-28-11-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
15 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
16 1, 2007]: **Sec. 6. The state department shall disclose, in the state
17 department's consumer guide to nursing homes, whether a health
18 facility is:**

19 **(1) fully;**

20 **(2) partially; or**

21 **(3) not;**

22 **equipped with sprinklers.**

23 SECTION 3. IC 16-28-11-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
24 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
25 1, 2007]: **Sec. 7. The state department shall disclose the following
26 information in the state department's consumer guide to nursing
27 homes:**

28 **(1) Whether a health facility has:**

29 **(A) battery operated;**

30 **(B) hard wired; or**

31 **(C) no;**



1 smoke detectors in each resident's room.

2 (2) If a health facility has hard wired or battery operated
3 smoke detectors in each resident's room, whether the smoke
4 detectors:

5 (A) provide a visual and audible signal at the nurses'
6 stations that attend each room;

7 (B) transmit to a central station service; and

8 (C) connect to the health facility's fire alarm system.

9 SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] (a) As used in this
10 SECTION, "commissioner" has the meaning set forth in
11 IC 16-18-2-340.

12 (b) Notwithstanding IC 16-28-11-5, as added by this act, the
13 state department of health shall carry out the duties imposed upon
14 the state department of health under IC 16-28-11-5, as added by
15 this act, under interim written guidelines approved by the
16 commissioner.

17 (c) This SECTION expires on the earlier of the following:

18 (1) The date rules are adopted under IC 16-28-11-5, as added
19 by this act.

20 (2) January 1, 2009.

